

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: MARCH 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM

President of Council Stickan presiding.

PRESENT: Council Representatives D'Amico, Hargate, Lombardo, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Law Director Paluf.

In accordance with Section 4.05 of the Charter, Council Representatives D'Amico, Mastrangelo and Stickan, called a Special Council Meeting to be held Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM for consideration of the following:

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session by Roll Call vote pursuant to Section 121.22 (G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and Highland Heights Charter 4.05 to discuss appointment to council position.

President Stickan stated initially on the Agenda was a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the questions to propose to the At Large candidates. The process has been streamlined and a list of questions has been prepared to submit to the applicants. Law Director Paluf stated the questions can be discussed in public session. Any deliberations or discussion of the two late applications can be discussed in Executive Session. Council agreed to discuss in public session and not adjourn into Executive Session.

President Stickan stated Mr. Mastrangelo submitted a draft of questions for Council to review. Council agreed to submit the following questions to the At Large candidates to be addressed in their presentation:

1. How would you define the role of a Council Representative in our City? Why are you seeking this position?
2. What strengths do you bring that can benefit both the Council and the City? What are the most important qualities for a Council Representative to have?
3. Are you currently receiving any financial remuneration for services either provided directly or indirectly to the City or its employees other than serving as a member on a City Board or Commission?
4. In your opinion, what is the most pressing issue(s) facing the city today? How would you address it?
5. If appointed, would you seek to continue serving in this position by running for election this November?

President Stickan stated candidates are able to submit their presentation in writing if they are unable to present to Council on Thursday. Those submissions should be sent to the Council Office by 12:00 pm on Thursday.

President Stickan confirmed that the At Large Candidates will speak in the order of submission of their cover letter and resumes to the Council Office. Council will adjust the schedule accordingly if requested by a candidate.

Mr. Mastrangelo was concerned that questions to the candidates would not be permitted. President Stickan stated in fairness to all candidates, questions at the time of the presentations, would not be accepted. During deliberation of the presentations, if clarification is required, Council can submit a question to the candidate or candidates. The presentations will be limited to five minutes for each candidate. A one-minute notification will be given to the candidates to ensure the five-minute limit.

President Stickan stated two applications were received after the March 8th at 12:00 pm deadline. At the Committee of the Whole meeting Council decided that the deadline would be at noon so that the cover letters and resumes could be copied for Council's packets. The city's website and media articles also stated the deadline.

Mr. Hargate stated Council is not limited to considering only the list of candidates. Council can choose any individual to consider. Mr. Hargate stated if the Mayor ultimately makes the appointment, he is not limited to the list of candidates. Mr. Hargate stated he would consider anybody who wants to apply.

Ms. D'Amico stated a deadline was set and the candidates that submitted before the deadline should be the candidates allowed to make a presentation. The applications which were received after the deadline can be considered; however, not be awarded the same opportunity to present as the candidates that submitted on time.

Mr. Mastrangelo stated if Council does not abide by the deadline, there may be others that wanted to submit but did not because of the deadline. This would not preclude an interested candidate to run for election.

President Stickan stated Council does have a time constraint in which to appoint a council representative. Council set up a process to be cognizant of the time constraint and be fair to the candidates. Mrs. Murphy agreed with Ms. D'Amico that Council set a deadline and the deadline should be adhered to. A compromise was reached to allow consideration of the late applications but not allow the late applicants to make a presentation.

President Stickan stated at the Special Council Meeting on Thursday, after the presentations are made, Council will adjourn into Executive Session to deliberate. Council may return to public session to make a motion to appoint a council representative. Four affirmative council votes are required to appoint a council representative regardless of the number of Council members present.

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ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Said meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council